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**THREE INDICTED
IN INDIANAPOLIS TO EVANSVILLE
DRUG, ROBBERY AND MURDER SPREE**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced the indictment today of JARVIS BROWN, 25, GABRIEL JORDAN, 25 and TEDDY WEEMS, 20, all of Indianapolis, in connection with a series of robberies and attempted robberies of drug dealers and gambling houses in Indianapolis and Evansville that resulted in the deaths of four persons and the shooting of eight others. All these events are alleged to have occurred during an eighteen day period in December, 2005.

This indictment is the result of an investigation by the Evansville and Indianapolis Police Departments and the assistance of the Evansville and Indianapolis offices of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. These agencies are assisted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Indiana State Police Crime Lab.

During December, 2005, the indictment alleges that BROWN, JORDAN and WEEMS embarked on a series of robberies of various drug dealers and gambling houses in an effort to obtain cash, drugs, or both. The indictment further alleges that during the course of these robberies and attempted robberies there were 13 shootings, resulting in eight wounded and four dead. Those murder victims are alleged to be Ricky Green, Vanessa Hankins and David Twitty of Indianapolis, and Jahi Bell of Evansville. The weapons used by this group included an SKS assault rifle, a Tech 9 machine pistol, shotguns and various handguns.

The indictment charges BROWN, JORDAN and WEEMS with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute cocaine base (crack cocaine), cocaine and marijuana, and other substantive drug charges, conspiracy to commit robbery and substantive robbery and attempted robbery charges, and federal firearms charges related to the use of firearms during the commission of drug trafficking or violent crime.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew P. Brookman, who is prosecuting the case for the government, BROWN, JORDAN and WEEMS, if convicted, face the possibility of the death penalty under federal law or a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment. BROWN is currently in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service. JORDAN is being held at the Marion County Jail. WEEMS is currently incarcerated at the Indiana Department of Corrections.

Initial hearings on the indictment will be scheduled for all three defendants before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Evansville.

The indictment is an allegation only, and all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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